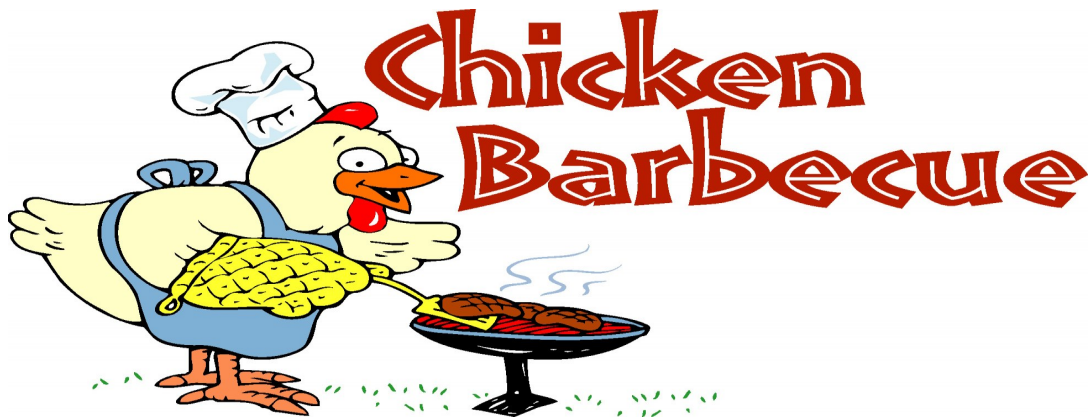


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Please join us on Sunday, October 15 for our annual chicken BBQ luncheon in the church fellowship hall following worship service. The West Rockingham Ruritan Club will prepare their delicious chicken and we are asking everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to add to our meal. Please sign up at the Connect table so that we know how much chicken to get. We hope everyone will plan to join us directly following our service. ~ Sponsored by the C6 Team

Upcoming Preachers:

October 1 ~ Bill Reinhold

October 8 ~ Katherine Clark Johnson

October 15 ~ George Evans

October 22 ~ Gerald Harper

October 29 ~ Jim Dye

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	Liturgist	Sunday School Care	Nursery	Pre-school
1	Don Myers	Nancy Miller	Dianne Reynolds	Charlie & Shelley Newman
8	Steve Smith	Kathy Lyons	Pam Bocock	Kathy Lyons
15	Robin Wallace	Kathy Lyons	Adonica Miller & Billy	Kathy Lyons
22	Barret Dalrymple	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Skipp & Robin Wallace
29	Nancy Myers	Kathy Lyons	Kathy Lyons	Paul & Whittney Eberly

Elders On Call for October: Larry Hogan (910-429-5707) and Ray Heatwole (540-432-6565). If you have an urgent need please call the Elder On Call.

ATTENDANCE

September Attendance:

3 SS 22 W 74
 10 SS 22 W 67
 17 SS 24 W 73
 24 SS 24 W 64

We are also thankful for the 30-50 people who faithfully watch



Church Information

Staff

Office Administrator: Sherry Stroop
 Music Director: Megan Zuhowski
 Organist: Teresa Simmers
 Nursery Coordinator: Katherine Lyons
 Custodian: Jean Will

Session

Clerk of Session: Mark Williams
Administration & Property: Brenda Moyers, Brad Miller, Ray Heatwole
Worship & Education: Kate Dudley, Gerald Harper, Don Myers, Skip Wallace
Congregation & Community Care: Fran Smith, Jeff Heatwole, Larry Hogan, Beth Phillips

Church Contacts

Youth Advisor: Becky Pierce
 Cemetery: Brad Miller
 The Sunshine Gang: Craig & Nancy Miller, Bob & Patsy Scott
 Sanctuary Decorations: Jana Miller
 Historian: Nancy Myers

Mission & Outreach

Budgeted Funds for September ~ UKIRK

In September, CCPC used budgeted funds to support UKIRK Harrisonburg. UKIRK is a campus ministry for area college students on behalf of Presbyterian Church (USA). Students gather weekly to explore faith through worship, Bible study, mission, and fellowship.



UKIRK is supported by the local Presbytery of Shenandoah and covenant churches. For more information check out their website; <http://trinitypresbyterianharrisonburg.org/ukirk.html>

Dick Miller Fund:

The Dick Miller fund is separate from our operating budget and is used at Cooks Creek to help families who are in a crisis situation. It provides monetary assistance with the expectation that those requesting funds will be able to pay their bills in the future. It is limited to families living in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. We are looking for folks who would be willing to administer and/or review requests for this fund. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Heatwole at 540-478-3748.

Opportunities for Mission! Mark your calendars!! Cooks Creek will be hosting Open Doors for the upcoming season while they continue to pursue their permanent residence. Our weeks will be:

- December 4th, 2023 (12/3-12/11)
- February 5th, 2024 (2/4-2/12)



~ **October 22** Youth outing at Craig and Nancy Miller's farm, 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

~ **October 8—November 5**

As one of the Youth's mission projects this year, we will be collecting items to fill 8 – 10 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Church members can bring donated items October 8th through November 5th. Place donated items on the bench behind the Connect Table.

Donations can be for a boy or girl; ages 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Shoebox gift suggestions are toys, personal care items, school supplies, clothing and accessories, or crafts. Please do not include food, war-related items, liquids (including hand sanitizer), breakable items, or medications.



Prayer Ministry

Please be in prayer for these folks:

- Cindy Suter ~ Emergency surgery in South Dakota; now recuperating at home
- Jillian Shirkey & Family ~ Jillian is 12 years old and has had a relapse in leukemia
- Gary Shell & Family ~ He is battling melanoma in the lung
- Jimmy Miller
- Gary Simmers, cancer treatment
- Jeanie Will
- Dylan Heatwole
- Diane & JD's daughter, Brittany, and their grandson, Tucker
- Karen Moats

Prayer Requests?

If anyone in the congregation has any prayer concerns or needs please contact Phyllis Simmons.

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A PRAYER TO REMEMBER GOD FIGHTS FOR YOU TODAY

We know that we're never alone, for you are constantly at work on behalf of your children, shielding, protecting, strengthening, exposing deeds of darkness, bringing to light what needs to be known, covering us from the cruel attacks we face even when we're unaware.

We ask that you would give us wisdom and discernment to recognize the schemes of the enemy and to stand strong against his work.

We ask that you would remind us to pray, constantly, for all believers.

We ask that you would help us to stay alert in a dark world.

We ask that you would help us to be salt and light, that we would be loving and gracious, yet unyielding to sin.

We ask that you help us to remember to put on your armor daily, for you give us all that we need to stand firm in this day.

We thank you that you are far greater than anything we face here in this life, and we have overcome, because you have set us free.

We thank you for your truth, "no weapon formed that is formed against you will prosper."

Lord, we ask for your peace, we ask for your protection, we trust you for your constant work on our behalf. We ask you to bring justice. We ask that you would bring light, knowing that you expose the deeds of darkness.

Standing together in your great and powerful Name, believing you are with us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

~ Debbie McDaniel, Crosswalk.com

Food Pantry Report

Beginning Balance August 1 2023	\$44,784.99
DEPOSITS	
Individual Contributions	\$500.00
Civic Organizations	\$100.00
Church & Religious Organizations	\$2,325.00
Businesses	\$1,000.00
Total Deposits	\$3,925.00
DISBURSEMENTS	
Bread	\$210.00
Eggs (Reimbursed by Briery Branch COB)	\$278.00
Food Purchases to Fill Bags	\$3,925.62
Hamburger	\$1,000.00
Milk Vouchers	\$440.92
Toilet Tissue	\$622.96
Milk Vouchers (Sharp Shopper—120 gal.)	\$478.92
Produce Vouchers (Bananas \$142.82—Apples \$425.46—Grapes \$239.78)	\$808.06
Total Disbursements	\$7,323.56
Balance as of August 31, 2023	\$41,386.43

This is the same beginning comment given in the reports last fall. We still have a good balance in the treasury, but it continues to decrease too rapidly. In July the decrease was about \$3,900. In August the decrease was \$3,401.56. This was a little better, but we are continuing to serve large numbers. In August we served 90 families, 7 of whom were new. People are pleased with what they receive and often thank us. Because a number have difficulty walking, they especially appreciate that they can drive to pick up the food. The workers do a great job loading it.

Approximately 1,815 pounds of food was given in the prepacked bags. That does not include the 2 pounds of hamburger, 2 dozen eggs, and a loaf of

bread, with large families receiving 2 loaves. Nor does it include the food paid for by the vouchers. We don't know how long this food lasts, but we are confident that they know what they receive here in Jesus' name is of good quality and given in love and compassion. Also this month, there were enough items for each family to select one from the variety table.

The Harrisonburg Rotary Club/Great Day of Sharing is having a food drive Friday, October 20, 2023, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mr. Wayne Witmer has asked the WRF to participate. We are being asked to provide at least three people for a shift of 4 1/2 hours on October 20. One person would assist the Rotarians at the store entrance handing

Food Pantry Report Continued

out flyers. A few (2-4) other persons with a pickup truck or van will be needed to collect the groceries. The groceries then would be delivered to our food pantry to be sorted. As our food pantry numbers continue to increase and food prices continue to rise, we should take advantage of this food drive by volunteering our time. If you would be willing to volunteer, please email Sharon Showalter at ssgardengirl@aol.com or phone 540-867-0620 or 540-820-0924.

We thank the Briery Branch COB for hosting the pantry this month. On September 28, Fairview COB will be the hosts. They will provide eggs and an inspirational insert for each family. We will plan to serve 100 again.

Since the beginning of the WRFP 13 years ago, it has been a joy for me to serve as the chairperson. Through this work, I have made friends with many in the community and fond acquaintances with the families who have come for food. And I have seen the pantry develop new ways to serve people in need. I can only imagine how happy the growth of the pantry would make Charlsie Miller, who first had the idea for a food pantry. Because I have some health issues that must be addressed, on January 1 I will share this joy with someone else. It is time for someone else to lead or be the WRFP "point person." I am grateful to several people who have agreed to do some of the jobs I have been doing, so whoever this person is will not have to do all the things I have been doing. Becky Martin, member of the Nominating Committee, would like to talk with anyone interested in or even curious about details of this

office. (540-820-5225). I pray that all the volunteers who now have responsibilities will continue in their jobs. Transition times are a little scary and bumps in the road are to be expected, but it would be so much more difficult if these knowledgeable workers leave their tasks to be filled by a new person.

We thank Scott Harris, Pastor of Greenmount Church of the Brethren, for the following inspiration/devotional:

John 13:34-35 *"I give you a new command: Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. 35: By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."* Any who follow Jesus, this should be an important verse to know and understand. Love for another was not new; it's found in the law, both love for fellow Jew and care for foreigners. The condition is what is new, Love like Jesus.

Jesus's love, understood in the context of this chapter, point to some key characteristics: First we see humility. Second we see a love that cares and serves even those considered to be enemies. Thirdly, This love is about forgiveness.

As we serve, as we live, let our love be like Jesus's : humble, for all, and forgiving.



~ Bea





Keeping in Touch with Members and Friends

One of our most important ministries is to love and care for one another. All of us can participate in this by reaching out with phone calls, cards, visits and prayer.

"Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34

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Bible Quiz

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All four Gospels tell of a woman anointing Jesus. Details vary; clearly, she isn't the same person in all accounts. In John, who is she?

- A. Jesus' mother, Mary
- B. Mary Magdalene
- C. Mary of Bethany (sister of Martha and Lazarus)
- D. None of the above

Answer: C (See Matthew 26:6-13; Mark 14:3-9; Luke 7:36-39; John 12:1-8.)



GOD'S WILL

God wants us to follow his will, but how can we know what that is?

Directions: Write the letters on each vine in the correct order on the lines provided to complete 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18, NIV

Give thanks

to the Lord,

for HE is good.

His love endures

forever.

Psalm 136:1

Answer: rejoice, always, pray, give, thanks



Calendar and Celebrations

 OCTOBER						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 <i>Communion</i> 	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Serving Open Doors Evening Meal—Making Subs after church	9 Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 4 Cents A Meal Offering Church Chicken BBQ Luncheon	16 Courier Deadline	17	18	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 5-7 pm Youth at Miller's Farm	23 Session Meeting 6:30 PM	24	25	26 Food Pantry 4-6 PM	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30	30	31				



3 - Vivian Burkholder
 7 - Cailin Dolack
 7 - Brett Heatwole
 8 - Linda Smith
 9 - Sophie Newman
 10 - Tom Frye

16 - Fran Smith
 17 - Abby Harper
 18 - Kathy Dalrymple
 19 - Ryan Blosser
 23 - Brennan Miller
 23 - Blake Moats
 25 - Phyllis Miller
 26 - Lois Frye
 29 - Wayne Swope



3 - Kevin & Morgan Bocock
 13 - Eric & Tammy Browning
 16 - Bart & Michele Bridges
 16 - Wayne & Rhonda Swope
 20 - Chase & Kate Dudley

Upcoming Communion Dates: November 26 & December 24

